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TAGS: MASS

SUBJ: PHASE-DOWN OF MILGP

REF: STATE 160136

1. ACCOMPANIED BY MILGP COMMANDER COL. MAYFIELD, I CALLED ON GOC DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL HERMAN BRADY AUGUST 26 TO EXPLAIN THE IMPACT OF THE RECENTLY SIGNED MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT ON MILGP OPERATIONS IN CHILE.

2. DRAWING ON REFTTEL, I INFORMED BRADY THAT NEW LEGISLATION AFFECTING MILITARY ASSISTANCE WOULD REQUIRE CHANGES IN A VARIETY OF AREAS:

-- ORGANIZATIONALLY, MILGP AS SUCH WOULD BE TERMINATED AND REPLACED BY AN ODC. WHILE MILGP HAD BEEN IN THE DIRECT MILITARY CHAIN OF COMMAND UNDER CINCSO, ODC'S WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S STAFF.

--FUNCTIONALLY, THE CONGRESS HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THE LOGISTICS AND OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF MILITARY AID AND SALES RATHER  
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THAN ADVISORY AND REPRESENTATIONAL DUTIES.

--NUMERICALLY, ODC'S WOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH AN ADDITIONAL THREE ASSIGNED AS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION.

3. I EMPHASIZED THAT CHILE WAS IN NO WAY BEING SINGLED

OUT FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT, BUT RATHER THAT THE NEW PROVISIONS APPLIED ACROSS THE BOARD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW COUNTRIES WHERE MILGP'S WOULD BE MAINTAINED. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THIS ACTION SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS A DIMINUTION OF INTEREST IN OR THE VALUE OF MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS.

4. BRADY RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT HE WAS AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS THAT CHANGES WERE CONTEMPLATED BUT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATION. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY, I INFORMED HIM THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL PERFORMING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS IN CHILE NOW NUMBERED 11; THAT THE NUMBERS WOULD BE REDUCED TO SIX ON OR ABOUT 1 OCTOBER 1977; THAT I PLANNED TO MOVE THE REMAINING NAVAL OFFICER FROM VALPARAISO TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO PERFORM HIS MANAGEMENT (AS OPPOSED TO ADVISORY) FUNCTIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY; AND THAT THE SIZE OF THE ODC WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW NEXT YEAR IN TERMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES THEN OBTAINING.

5. COMMENT: GENERAL BRADY WAS RELAXED AND CONSTRUCTIVE THROUGHOUT OUR DISCUSSION. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE SHARES THE EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO MANAGE MILGP PHASE\$DOWN AND CHANGEOVER AS QUIETLY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE GOC WILL DO ANY "GUARDHOUSE LAWYERING" WITH RESPECT TO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OR ANY OF THE DETAILS IN THE '64 AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MILGP.  
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